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Circulation Manager.

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It was a great gridiron match, just the same.

Being a favorite son is often just a state of mind.

Shop late if you care to, but do not fall to shop early.

No doubt Mr. Rockefeller regards the Merritts as very annoying persons.

The Indianapolis News speaks of "Socialism run mad." Why mention it?

It turns out that the home-grown daffodils are just as good as the hot-house variety.

The Virginia peanut may never expect to become as famous as the arctic gum drop.

"Truth is stranger than fiction." But it does not always bring as high remuneration.

Why should Ralph insist on so disgusting himself and hiding his light under a bushel?

The shadows of the prison walls have fallen on at least five so-called gentlemen of Shady Bend.

Chicago proposes to erect a home for disabled poets. And show no mercy to the patient readers?

Champ Clark has contributed an article on Santa Claus to the Ladies' World. Women vote in six states.

No more blue Mondays for that poor New York washerwoman who fell heir to a St. Paul fortune.

Mr. Morgan has the pleasing consolation of knowing, however, that he did not fall from grace.

Now, let us see, what was the name of that aviator who achieved distinction by flying from coast to coast?

An "escaped lunatic" was recently reported to have been found in Wall street. How could they tell he was escaped?

Even as private citizens, both colonels continue to hold their own for front-page space in all the newspapers.

Note that it was a landlubber from Nebraska who saved the day for the Navy in its big foot ball battle with the Army.

If you think the old world is not using you just right, try to see if you cannot use it better and then look for the improvement.

The power of temptation is emphasized in the report of an actor of 26 luring Mrs. Bernhardt into the notion of considering matrimony.

The Wall Street Journal scents a popular demand for a "man of affairs" for president. All right, then, nominate the senior warden of St. George's Episcopal church, New York.

Former Senator Thurston declares there are as many opportunities for a young man to get wealth as there were in Lincoln's day. Yes and even middle-aged men sometimes have a look-in.

Our democratic law-makers, who have been so noncommittal in response to questions propounded to them during the recess of congress, hope to be able to give more definite answers after the party caucus is held, and they get their orders.

Attacking the Commerce Court.

A strong effort to abolish the new commerce court is promised at the coming session of congress, which may even become a feature of the session. Representative Sims, a democrat of Tennessee, sponsored a bill for that purpose at the last session and is quoted as declaring his intention to push it again this winter with the full co-operation of house democrats and some insurgent republicans.

If partisan opposition, however, is the best reason that can be offered for the abolition of the commerce court, we doubt the expediency of the movement. Some solid ground must be found on which to base objection to the court before the plan to wipe it out can have popular support. Such ground is certainly not to be found in a lack of work for the court. It is covered up with work today and is likely to be for a long time to come. In the minds of many besides Mr. Taft there was a real demand for this court, and it has not had sufficient time to prove its usefulness. It would certainly be a serious error to condemn it and abolish it simply for the sake of petty politics.

But the abolition of the commerce court is not quite as imminent as some try to make out. Suppose the democrats muster the necessary majority in the house to pass the Sims bill, it would still have the senate gauntlet to run and, though there are a few insurgent senators who might join, that would not assure enactment of the measure, for there is a good deal more conservatism among the democratic senators than among the rank and file of house members. The possibility of a presidential veto would have to be considered, for the president would not hesitate to veto if it satisfied that the court should be retained.

The fact that the new court has rendered one or two so-called unpopular decisions is not enough to condemn it. The Interstate Commerce commission might easily have fallen into disfavor early in its existence, but to have abolished it because at first it did not give entire satisfaction would have been the most serious blunder. The commission has never given entire satisfaction, for that matter, and yet is conceded to be a prime necessity in our handling of great transportation and industrial problems. The scope of its authority has even been widened and the commerce court created for the express purpose of making its decrees more speedily effective.

The Inside of the Onion.

That in the long run truth will out is again illustrated by a revelation just made by the Lincoln Journal with reference to that famous Bryan onion crop, the revelation apparently coming with the aid, consent and authority of Mr. Bryan himself. It is in directing attention to the everywhere prevailing and almost irresistible temptation to exaggerate that Mr. Bryan gives us a look at the inside of the onion, as follows:

I have some Texas land, onion-growing land. Some two or three years ago I rented a tract of twenty acres to a man for an acre for the season. When the crop time came around a report was sent out that became current, giving me \$1,000 returns on my twenty acres. In a few days other newspaper reports had this return up to \$10,000. Now, the facts are, the man to whom I rented the ground wrote me a letter about the time that the crop should mature, saying that his onions had been practically a failure, and that his total income would be about \$15 to \$20, counting on my \$100 for rent. You see, he had very little left, and his letter was a request that I give him more time to pay. I just let it go over to the next year.

Too close proximity to the onion is said to be a great incentive for a man to weep, and it must make Mr. Bryan weep to think that he neglected to sell his onion crop on the basis of the inflated price with which it was credited for publicity purposes only.

The Insinuating Dance.

London has at last decided to censor its theaters, particularly those permitting the oriental gyrations that go by the name of dances, and will submit all such to rigid official inspection.

America might well emulate the British action. Many theaters in this country are too loose in what they allow on their stages. Just at present a certain company of so-called eastern dancers is making its way across the continent that needs to come under this censoring rule. Of course, in this as in other arguments of the kind, theaters will be apt to retort that people are not compelled to attend such productions. That is subterfuge, though, when it comes to arguing the decency or moral effect of the production.

Most of these insinuating contortions through which women draw themselves to the delectation of the baser senses of their spectators, should be prohibited. That would end all argument right there. It was the "dawn-of-love" dance that broke the camel's back in London, which has heretofore stood for anything. American cities had better make a note of this and watch for the dawn.

It is pitiful when the stage has to fall back upon ribaldry or sensuous

exposure for its appeals to public favor. Of course some forms of what is called oriental dancing are interesting and reputable, but in them the dancers do not come out clad only in a wreath of roses and a pleasant smile.

Investigating the Express Combine.

The Interstate Commerce commission is engaged in a sweeping investigation of the express companies, their systems of rates and finances, and their methods of doing business. Beginning the investigations at New York, the commission's plan is to hold them in various cities over the country so as to make a thorough job of it.

The commission probably never undertook a more needed investigation, one more generally welcomed by the people. For years the express combine has escaped official inquiry or enjoyed a sort of immunity from attack. And all that time it has been the common belief that it could not successfully withstand an official probing because of its high-handed conduct of affairs, its arrogance to the public, extortionate rates and arbitrary schedules.

It will be interesting now to see just how it will be able to withstand the limelight. Some of the dividends, that have recently been declared by certain companies are, in themselves, sufficient to call for investigation. Another important matter calling for explanation is the relation of express companies to railroads.

This inquiry is likely to develop some interesting information as to why parcels post has made no better progress in this country. At last people have come to believe that the chief obstruction to this system lies in the express combine. Parcels post needs look for no stronger argument to promote it than the conduct of the express business in this country.

A college professor calls upon American newspapers to devote the money and ingenuity put upon the comic supplement to "a sincere endeavor to reproduce each week one or more of the world's great pictures, with that beauty of coloring and truth of portraiture that modern methods make possible." If all the newspaper readers were college graduates they might prefer a Mona Lisa or a Sistine Madonna to the "Katzman Kids." We really believe, however, that it is up to the college professors to do their job first, after which the newspapers would have no option as to the road they would have to travel.

Surely some power of contrition must have come over the young Virginia wife murderer. He could bear to slay his wife and go through the ordeal of a long and bitter trial denying it, but he could not bear to die with the lie upon his lips. Yet what is a lie compared with wife-murder? The human soul shrinks when it comes to face its Maker. It has no brash courage then to gloss over its deeds of wrong.

The New York Herald names John Sharp Williams as a sure dark horse, since he was taken to a veterinary hospital when injured. But that is better than being lugged off to a blacksmith shop, where the anvils might have got him.

The socialists polled over 1,700 votes for their ticket in Douglas county at the last election. The socialists are now the third party with us, having forged ahead of both populists and prohibitionists.

There are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught. There are just as good men yet to be proposed for commissioner under Omaha's new plan of city government as have already been mentioned.

"To clean brass use strong ammonia," says the recipe book. Would that affect Doc Cook?

Business Caution. Boston Transcript.

In Wall street, however, Mr. Morgan seldom stubs his toe.

Match Time for Experiment. Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Concerning Champ Clark, it is reflected that there is plenty of time between now and the election next year for him to try the experiment of opening his mouth and putting both feet in it.

Something of a Difference. Indianapolis News.

Those suffragette tactics in London were militant enough, goodness knows, but the enthusiastic advocates of the cause should remember that there is a difference between a riot and a revolution.

Feeble Joy by Contrast. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The president of the United States has a cold, the Outlook's contributing editor is "all hot up," various ambitious governors have troubles of their own and plenty of work on hand—but William Jennings Bryan, clear of all worryment, can sail away for the West Indies. Material for a new lecture will be absorbed while he enjoys the change of scene. Likewise sharp things will come to mind on the voyage that can be employed later on in castigation of Harmon, Underwood and other democrats not quite vociferously radical enough to suit. Brother Charles will keep the Commoner, whose ordinary intellectual demands are not great, on the unexcused course. Would you not, philosophical reader, rather go sailing in summer seas than be president of your country or anxiously scheming to reach the White House?

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

Mrs. Kate Toussaint, with Miss Nellie Toussaint, daughter of Mr. A. O. Toussaint, will leave Omaha this evening for New York, where she will sail for Liverpool. Mrs. Toussaint expects to spend at least two years in Europe, when she will probably take up her residence in Boston. During her trip abroad she will be accompanied by her nephew, Mr. Albert Toussaint, pursuing his studies in Canaan, New York, and her niece, Miss Nellie.

A series of four private Germans will be given during the winter by twelve well-known Omaha couples. Mr. R. R. Ringwalt is the organizer of the series, which will be unusually select.

Invitations are out for the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lininger, to be celebrated December 1.

Mrs. C. P. Squires and Miss Anne Hedge of Burlington, who have been visiting in Omaha, returned to their Iowa home.

Dean Millsap and wife are back from their wedding trip.

Mrs. John M. Thurston is visiting in Chicago.

Miss Eustis is paying a visit to Mrs. C. E. Perkins at Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wakeley of Minneapolis are visiting in Omaha, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kellom.

The Earnest Workers are making extensive preparations for their annual dinner and supper to be given at the Christian church, where they will also have a fancy articles for sale.

Here is a want ad: Wanted: A new milch cow, must be gentle. Inquire of L. Poland, 1313 Dodge street.

Dr. H. P. Jensen is offering a \$10 reward for the return of a set of surgical instruments lost from his office, and no questions asked.

Twenty Years Ago—

Dick Moore, the former invincible welterweight, was knocked out by Tim Niland in the tenth round of what was regarded one of the fiercest and bloodiest prize fights that ever took place in this vicinity. The mill occurred at night at Germania hall. Jack Davis acted as referee.

Mary A. Elliott, Ida B. Lawrence, D. W. Shull, Kate M. Lawrence and H. D. Shull joined in a petition on which they secured an injunction restraining the Board of Public Works from curbing Twenty-second street from Poppleton avenue to the south side of the government canal, alleging that the street was in no condition for the work.

Herbert Wills and Bella Belle were married. The ceremony was performed by Robert Gilliam of New York, who was engineer in charge of the construction of the Omaha cable railroad in 1886, was in the city, visiting Andrew Rosewater among others.

W. F. Morris of Ponca, judge of the Eighth judicial district, was stopping at the Millard.

The firm of C. H. Smith & Co., assigned to the sheriff for the benefit of its creditors.

A surprise party was given Miss Hattie Chesbro at her home, 2520 Seward street, by a number of her young friends. Misses Lena Chesbro and Kathryn rendered vocal and instrumental music, and high five was played. Those present were: Misses Minnie Mullen, May Reven, Hattie Derby, Kate Clark, Elvora Shearer, Jennie Johnson, Helen Chesbro, Margie Casey, Jessie Tyranny, Ella Barnes, Ina Pearson, Nellie Ross, Myrtle Chesbro, Pearl Johnson, Hattie Chesbro, Messrs. Hohn, Porterfield, Kerr, Butler, Hender, Son, Marnell, Evans, Miller and Kelpin.

Ten Years Ago—

Dr. James A. Andrews of Eustis, a member of the legislature, was married at All Saints' Episcopal church by Rev. T. J. Mackay to Miss Lulu K. Trott, daughter of Mrs. Marvin Trott of Kearney.

Sidney Davis, an attorney of Beatrice, and Miss Nannie Canfield, also of Beatrice, acted as best man and bridesmaid. After dinner at the Elbe Grand Dr. and Mrs. Andrews left for New York on a bridal trip.

Reports came of the sale at auction of the great trotter, Directum, for \$12,000. Frank K. Hill and Miss Leah O. Kendrick, both of South Bend, were married at 11:30 a. m. at the home of the bride's brother, 423 Davenport street, by Rev. C. W. Savidge.

The Southwest Improvement club held a celebration over the formal opening of the Twenty-fourth street viaduct, planning a big demonstration for the event the next day.

The Northwestern gained another point in its fight with the Burlington when Judge Dickinson of the district court dissolved the temporary restraining order preventing the city council from passing the ordinance permitting the Northwest to construct a spur track along Eighth street between Farnam and Howard streets.

Queen Liliuokalani of the Hawaiian islands spent three hours in Omaha en route east to select a school for her protegee, Joseph K. Aea, who, with another protegee, John D. Alimoku, and Miss Myra Helehuha, her maid, composed her party.

People Talked About

Recipients of the cardinal's red hat and the regalia that goes with it are required to pay liberally in fees and incidentals, totaling from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The credit of a cardinal is such that he may pay on the installment plan if his purse is strong enough to pay cash on the spot in Rome.

No joy came to Peter Odell of Waterloo, Kan., when he learned that he was heir to a \$500,000. He is 81 years old and is slowly dying from a disease which is incurable. All his life he has lived in poverty, earning his daily bread by fishing and doing odd jobs. The thought of sudden riches only brought terror to him.

The London Globe mentions the recent death at 83 of a hermit named Lewis, who for the last twenty years had existed on shellfish and lived in his covered trawler, beached at Lower Fishguard. He never varied his dietary except when shellfish were scarce, and then he substituted bread and cheese. To within two days of his death he was in robust health.

The opinion of the mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on the imbecility of juries would be worth printing if publicly expressed. His honor and two witnesses trapped a bribe-giver as he was delivering the goods, but the evidence didn't impress the jury, which acquitted the bribe-giver and put the costs on the mayor. However, Old Honesty is used to hard knocks in Pennsylvania.

Big Stick in Action

Editorial Comment on Mr. Roosevelt's Attack on Trust Policy of the Administration.

Fetally Tagged.

Wall Street Journal.

Mr. Roosevelt might, perhaps, be willing to make a new record, with another term at the White House. It really does not matter, for his relations with the United States Steel corporation sealed him with the fatal Wall street tag. Can any good thing come of Nazareth?

Up to the Courts.

Pittsburgh Dispatch.

The ex-president's article makes a large number of assertions, many of them purely dogmatic, concerning the impossibility of making the anti-trust act restore competition. To all that it is sufficient reply that it is impossible, until the courts are sufficiently in earnest about it to enforce it in its full letter and spirit.

What It Means.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

Theodore Roosevelt's article in the current Outlook, bringing forward again his own solution for the trust problem, is accepted quite generally as Mr. Roosevelt's bid for a third term.

Divested of its digression, it is a naked proposal that the American people shall sell their birthright of freedom for the price of a few years' business peace.

Morgan's Logical Candidate.

New York World.

Mr. Roosevelt would be the logical Morgan candidate for president in 1912. No other candidate representing Wall street's present desires would command such support. No other candidate with the faintest chance of election would more fully merit the confidence of Big Business. No other candidate could be more thoroughly relied upon to help "unscramble the eggs."

Of Great Significance.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

It is of great significance, and of importance, that from the acknowledged prophet of the people, who when he was president smote right and left, at every head that offered a challenge, because he believed it "imperative that the great masses of corporate capital in America should fully realize that they were servants and not masters of the people."

It is significant that such a voice should now be heard counselling the people that true progress is made by building up rather than by tearing down.

The Night Idea.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Colonel Roosevelt is out with another vigorous denunciation of the policy of fighting injurious monopoly by lawsuits under an act which no one understands and which is futile or impossible when literally interpreted.

Why, then, confuse the issue or put the cart before the horse?

Certainty is the first essential. The law, when clear, explicit, certain, must be obeyed by rich and poor alike; guilt is indeed personal. But guilt presupposes knowledge, intent, delinquency. Would juries send men to prison for purely technical offenses for violations of a technical or impossible act?

Merely Flapdoodle.

New York Herald.

As to the editorial itself, it will be read with mixed feelings. Now it looks like politics and then like humor. Now it looks like heroics and then like flapdoodle.

First, you see that the Sherman act is inabominable, because it has not sent the Tobacco and Oil trusts' directors to jail, because they are the unregenerate of the earth; then you see that it is infamous, because it is being invoked against the Steel corporation, and its directors are above reproach. The inspiration is wounded vanity, and subject matter personal egotism.

Therefore, we strongly incline to the opinion that this delverance is not politics nor humor, nor heroics, but really flapdoodle, after all.

Making Some Progress.

Indianapolis News.

Mr. Roosevelt did a great deal of talking, but the Steel trust grew under him from an infant into a giant that finally, it is charged, nibbled him into authorizing the illegal absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron industry. During his administration the Sugar, Tobacco, Beef and most of our other trusts came into being and grew corrupt and fat. Since we come to think of it we have had relief since the eminent crisis of the present administration quit Washington. He is correct in saying that we are not getting all that we want. But we are getting something and making some progress toward the relief that we did not have before March 4, 1909.

Oh, You 1912!

Detroit Free Press.

Colonel Roosevelt's last article in the Outlook makes a noise like a receptive presidential candidate.

What more natural than that the old Roosevelt worshippers, who have been so long silent, should suddenly awake to this trumpet sound and acclaim their old idol as the man of destiny, the only leader who can help the republican party out of the mess into which they have themselves plunged? This is really what has happened. Washington has sounded the pibroch, and it is echoing across the continent, Roosevelt, the dark horse. The possibilities are so alarming that we become silent in their presence.

Can the Law Reach It?

Indianapolis News.

And while we are "busting" the national trusts nationally, why should not we take a few cracks at them locally? Now, there is the Plumbers' trust, for instance, that prevents a consumer from buying both pipes and other plumbers' supplies of any description. Is not there some way to get at it in every city or county where it operates.

Turning Back Undesirables.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

The fact that over 11,000 undesirable aliens were turned back at the port of New York last year may be a testimonial to the efficiency of the inspection service of our immigration bureau, but greater efficiency would have been shown had they never reached New York. The inspection should be made at the point of emigration.

A Bare Necessity.

St. Paul Dispatch.

J. Pierpont Morgan stumbled and spilled the money on the plate he had been passing at a church service. It will be noticed, however, that he does not fall down on any money transactions in Wall street.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT OMAHA

Rushville Recorder.

"Boost for Omaha, the town that treats visitors right," says The Bee. We never visited Omaha yet for the last seventeen years but what we felt we were treated right, and never a regret.

Plattsmouth Journal: We cannot hope to get the interurban down here from Omaha until Nebraska abandons the suicidal policy of enacting laws to prevent capital from investing in such enterprises. In this respect Nebraska is away behind many other states.

Beatrice Express: Chairman, Kennedy of the state republican committee and his assistants have congratulations due them for the good work of the campaign. Removing the headquarters from Lincoln to Omaha did no harm to the ticket, evidently. No doubt it had some influence in turning Omaha from democratic to republican.

Loup City Times-Independent: In Omaha, Neb., the police have grown tired of trying to stop "joy riders" from breaking the speed limits by ordinary means. Now they have placed "thank-you-marks" on all the paved streets and boulevards. These are raised places about 30 feet apart and about six inches high. The poor "joy riders" have a rough road to travel in Omaha.

Plattsmouth Journal: That was a great teachers' gathering in Omaha—the largest meeting of its character ever held in the state—and Omaha did itself proud in entertaining them, too. The Nebraska metropolis has established an enviable reputation for entertaining such gatherings, and every one of the teachers is pleased with the manner in which hospitality was extended to them.

Springfield Monitor: My, won't Lincoln be more jealous than ever when she finds the attendance over 300 more than a similar meeting held in the capital city a year ago. And to think that Lincoln had predicted a fizzle when the teachers selected Omaha as the place for this year's convention. It is hard to tell which were the better pleased, the teachers with their cordial reception, or the citizens and business men of Omaha with the fine, large gathering of representative educators.

GRINS AND GROANS.

Mother—After all, the boy is only sowing his wild oats.

Father—I wouldn't mind if he didn't mix in so much rye—Baltimore American.

Billy—Huh! I bet you didn't have a good time at your birthday party yesterday.

Willie—I bet I did.

Billy—Then why ain't you sick today?—Philadelphia Record.

Tightwad—Is there anything more heart-rending than to have a wife who can't cook but won't do it?

Eysopitic—Yes—to have one that can't cook and will do it—Harper's Bazar.

Jack—Have they got an up-to-date football board up at your school?

Billy—You bet! They're already at work figuring out new rules for the year after next that will do away with the accidents that are certain to happen this year.—Puck.

Alice—It's mean